

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Wilda Pounds, Alderman Jeff Williams, and Alderman Mark McCoy. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by Alderman David Bolen.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Mark McCoy.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

- (1) To approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012, Board meeting;
- (2) To approve the letter of resignation for Walter Coleman, effective August 24, 2012;
- (3) To approve Ronda Todd to attend the Professional Judicial Development Conference for Court Clerks in Jackson, Mississippi, from September 5 through September 6, 2012, with the costs to include meals and mileage at \$352.50;
- (4) To approve Mayor Eaton to attending the 2012 Small Town Conference in Meridian, Mississippi, from November 15-16, 2012, with the cost to include registration, meals, and lodging at \$348.69;
- (5) To approve the advertising for the annual bids for supplies.

Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion to approve the items from the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present, all voted "Aye", therefore the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the monthly accounts. Alderman Harold Eaton recused himself on this issue, and left the room. Alderman Pounds made a motion to approve the monthly accounts, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

There next came on for information purposes, Trudy Featherson with the Booneville Main Street Association. She advised that on September 29, 2012, there would be a special day at the Park for Coach Jackson at 4:00 p.m.

There next came on for consideration, the request to hire Allison Davis as a part-time library employee, at the rate of \$7.25 per hour, to be effective immediately. Alderman Bolen

made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, a public hearing on the clean up of property.

First was the property located at 102 Ninth Street in the name of Kathie Walden. Ronnie Johnson was present and presented pictures of the property. Kathie Walden was present and gave comments as to why the property had not been properly mowed or maintained. The Board did declare the property to be in such a state of uncleanness to be a menace to public safety, and welfare to the community. With that, Alderman McCoy made a motion to give Kathie Walden until the 18th day of September, 2012, to have her yard properly mowed and maintained.

Next came on the property located at 1202 North College, more specifically property described as the A framed house at 1204 North College Street and the tile house located at 1206 North College Street. Ronnie Johnson was present and presented pictures of the property. George Estell was present and gave comments as to why the property had not been properly mowed or maintained. The Board did declare the property to be in such a state of uncleanness to be a menace to public health, safety, and welfare to the community. With that, Alderman McCoy made a motion to give George Estell until the 18th day of September, 2012, to have his property cleaned.

Next, came on the property located at 106 Terry Street in the name of Roy and Vivian Kelly. Proper notice had been sent out to the property address, the address of the last tax bill, and additional notice sent to the son of Roy and Vivian Kelly. Ronnie Johnson was present and presented pictures of the property. No one was present on behalf of Roy and Vivian Kelly and objected or gave any information to the Board. With that, the Board declared the home to be a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare to the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to tear down the burnout house located at 106 Terry Street. His motion included to taking bids on the tearing down of the house and the removal of all debris, and to allow the person receiving the bid, thirty (30) days from the 18th day of September, 2012, to complete the job. Alderman Bolen seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for discussion purposes, Ronnie Johnson advising that Greg Burns had obtained his demolition permits for the property located at 1202 North College Street and 611 Hatchie Street. That he had torn down the house located at 611 Hatchie Street and was to begin the house at 1202 North College Street on September 6, 2012.

There next came on for information purposes, Ronnie Johnson advising that the roof was on the Booneville Hardware bathrooms and they were ready to start electrical work on the bathrooms.

There next came on for consideration, the request to pay Chris Johnson \$300.00 for work down as a sub-contractor. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by James Olive with the Street Department to purchase a tractor. Bids had been received, and the lowest bid received was by Griffin Farm Equipment, Inc. for a Kubota M9960HDC Tractor, at the price of \$40,818.00. Alderman Bolen made said motion to purchase the tractor, seconded Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, David Moore requesting work be done on the lift station at the Westside Park, at the costs of \$9,600.00. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Billy Joe Spencer, to purchase a backhoe. Bids had been received and Stribling Equipment had tendered the lowest bid for a 2012 John Deer 310 SK Backhoe, in the amount of \$74,874.00. Alderman Pounds made a motion to purchase the backhoe, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to finance the backhoe. Bancorp South had the lowest bid at 2.14% for thirty-six (36) months, to make the payment to \$1,074.58 per month. Alderman McCoy made said motion to approve said financing, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to send Wendell Yates, Janet Boren, and Cindy Steward, to attend the Mississippi Natural Gas Association Conference in Meridian, Mississippi from October 10-11, 2012. The costs to include registration, lodging, and meals would be \$950.00. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to send Wendell Yates and Billy Spencer to attend the Damage Prevention Summit at Tunica, Mississippi, from October 30-31, 2012. The cost including registration, lodging, and meals would \$975.50. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the 2 1/2 mile gas expansion project on County Road 5111. The labor cost would be \$8,600.00 and the material

costs would be \$12,082.50, for a total of \$20,682.50. This would add at least thirty-six (36) new residents to the gas system. Alderman Harold Eaton the motion to approve the expansion project, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Police Chief Michael Ramey, to send Jerry Bridges and Cori Robbins to attend the Investigators Course in Belden, Mississippi, on September 24-28, 2012, with the cost of registration totaling \$180.00. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


There next came on for consideration, the request to post for the Booneville Housing Authority Board Appointment. Alderman Williams made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to purchase an ad in the Booneville Band Calendar at \$50.00. This would promote the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.


There next came on for consideration, the request to remove dead trees located at 208 Parkwood Grove and over on Marietta Street, because they were a hazard to the public safety. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the Mayor's report. Under the Mayor's report, Mayor Eaton reported that Rienzi had requested the Booneville assist in spraying for mosquitos on an as need basis. They would be billed at the same rate as Marietta.

There being no further business, Alderman Pounds made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

  
JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK